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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :  
Heinrich BACHMANN *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/504,393

Filed: February 15, 2000

For:  $\beta, \beta$ -CAROTENE 15, 15'-  
DIOXYGENASES, NUCLEIC ACID  
SEQUENCES CODING THEREFOR  
AND THEIR USE

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) Examiner: Yong PAK  
) Art Unit: 1652  
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New York, New York  
July 31, 2001

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The shortened statutory period of time for response to the Office Action of January 31, 2001, expired on April 30, 2001. A ~~three~~-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. With this extension, the due date for reply to the Office Action will be July 31, 2001. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$890.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. Please charge any required extension-of-time fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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